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IN THE APPLICATION OF:

DIVYA CHOPRA ET. AL.

CASE NO.: DC8516USNA

APPLICATION NO.: 10/603364

GROUP ART UNIT: 1745

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EXAMINER: BEN LEWIS

FOR: POST-MOLDING TREATMENT OF CURRENT COLLECTOR PLATES FOR FUEL
CELLS TO IMPROVE CONDUCTIVITY**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

By Office Action dated March 22, 2006, the above-referenced application has been made subject to a requirement to restrict. The Examiner has taken the position that claims 1-12 (Invention I) are drawn to a method of making a current collector plate classified in Class 429, subclass 34; and that claims 13-16 (Invention II) are said to be drawn to a current collector plate classified in Class 429, subclass 39.

Applicants hereby elect with traverse group I, directed to claims 1-12. Applicants traverse for the reason that claims 13-18 (Invention II) are drawn to a collector plate made by the process of claims 1-12 (Invention I), so that either of the cited search classes/subclasses can contain pertinent documents, and therefore it is submitted that there will be no undue burden in considering the claims in the same patent application.

The Examiner further required that if Invention I is elected, Applicants must elect a single disclosed species for examination. In response, Applicants elect species I-1 (claims 1-3).

Respectfully submitted,

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